RIVER CURRENTS

2nd District Gets A New Commander

In a colorful military pageant that included participation by the world-famous Coast Guard band, RADM Wayne E. Caldwell was relieved by RADM Norman C. Venzke as commander of the 2nd Coast Guard District. The ceremony took place at the Army Troop Support Command, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd. in St. Louis on June 9. RADM Venzke met with members of the military and civilian community in a reception after the ceremony.

A Military Pageant—Backstage:

A change of command ceremony takes planning, coordination and cooperation. Everyone from Captain to Seaman Apprentice pitches in. The number of little problems to be solved is staggering, and seemingly endless:

Preparing for the reception

(See page 2 for more pictures)

ANFAC Sallisaw
Sponsors Little Leaguers

Clothes make the man, and a good uniform makes a little leaguer, as a Sallisaw team of eight to ten year olds outfitted with uniforms by MKC C.R. Orefice and BMCM J.C. Stites are proving. So far this year the 13 youngsters have an enviable record of two wins, one tie and no losses. They have a grueling twice a week schedule, but judging by their start, the future is rosy for the appropriately named Sallisaw Chiefs.

St. Louis Area
Chess Tournament

Checkmate doesn't mean some new gimmick from the local bank to the St. Louis area Coast Guardsman and civilians who participate in the Spring Chess tournament. Each player paid an entry fee (to cover the cost for trophies) and has a chance to play twice before being eliminated from final round competition. The tournament is still in progress, as River Currents goes to press, so the owners of the trophies are

SRB

SRB: It sounds like an insult, but it's one of many very good reasons for re-enlisting in the Coast Guard.

SRB stands for Selective Reenlistment Bonus. It's paid to persons in "critical" rates. As of May 1, 1978, that included every rate in the Coast Guard. The difference is the multiple.

You see, the bonus is computed like this: The number of years you reenlist or extend for are multiplied by your monthly base pay; then multiplied by the, you guessed it, multiple. The multiples range from one for AD, AM, AT, DT, PA, SK, AE, ASM, HM, RM, MU, and BM: two for SS and YN; three for RD and GM; and at the top, a multiple of four is assigned the rates of MST, QM, TT, ST, EM, ET, ETN, DC, FT, and MK. The maximum amount you can receive for an SRB is $12,000.

To make it simple: Say you are a Second Class Petty Officer with four years in the Coast Guard, and in a rate that has a multiple of one assigned to it. Your base pay is $625. If you decide to go for the max, and re-up for six years, you could walk away with $3,750. Again, that is with just a mulitple of one.

For those first termers considering reenlisting, let your mind wander over the many things you could do with nearly four grand in cash.

There is one important factor about SRB. It only applies to people with less than six years of service at time of reenlistment or extension.

The government will not pay you all in one installment unless you specifically request it. If they did, your taxes might go out of sight. In most cases, the bonus is spread out over the course of your enlistment, paid off in pieces each year on the anniversary of your reenlistment.

It is possible to get the SRB in one lump sum. To get the whole wad, you must obtain the approval from your commanding officer in writing as
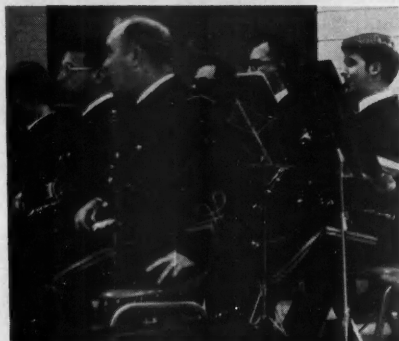
Putting on the full dress sword.

Marking seating arrangements.
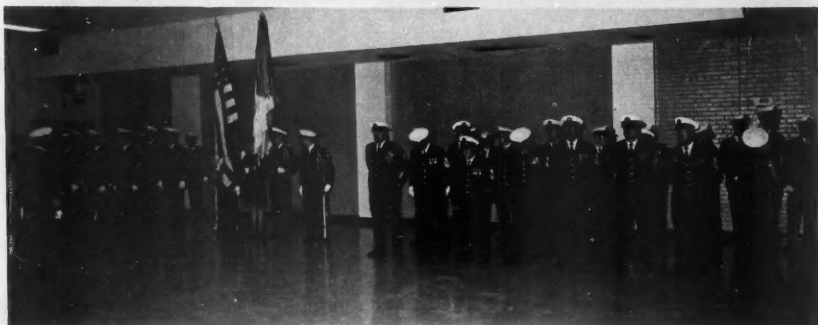

Traffic Control.

The Coast Guard Band turns to.

The band gets its act together.

Left to right: VADM Robert I. Price; RADM Wayne E. Caldwell; and RADM Norman C. Venzke.

Forming ranks for review.

RADM Caldwell receives the Meritorious Service Medal.

Mission accomplished.

RADM and Mrs. Venzke greet new friends.

Upcoming State Elections During 1979

Second District Softball Team Rolls Along

WASHINGTON, May 11, 1979, (AFPS) — The following States will hold statewide and congressional elections during 1979:

•KENTUCKY — Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, Constitutional Officers, all State Representatives and State Senators.
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —GENERAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE — Oct. 10, 1979

•LOUISIANA — Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Constitutional Officers, State Legislators and State Senators.
  —PRIMARY ELECTION — Oct. 27, 1979
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —REGISTRATION DEADLINE — 30 days before election

•MISSISSIPPI — Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Constitutional Officers, State Legislators and State Senators.
  —PRIMARY ELECTION — Aug. 7, 1979
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —REGISTRATION DEADLINE — 30 days before election

•MISSISSIPPI — Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Constitutional Officers, State Legislators and Stage Senators.
  —PRIMARY ELECTION — Aug. 7, 1979
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —REGISTRATION DEADLINE — 30 days before election

•NEW JERSEY — Election of General Assembly, County and Local Officials
  —PRIMARY ELECTION — June 5, 1979
  —PRIMARY REGISTRATION DEADLINE — May 7, 1979
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —GENERAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE — Oct. 9, 1979

•PENNSYLVANIA — Election of Justice of Supreme Court and other State Judges.
  —PRIMARY ELECTION — May 15, 1979
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —REGISTRATION DEADLINE — Deadline for military and
  overseas citizens is not fixed but application must
  be received in time to allow for transmission of
  election materials and receipt of ballot not later
  than the Friday before the election.

•VIRGINIA — Election of State Senators and House of Delegates.
  —GENERAL ELECTION — Nov. 6, 1979
  —GENERAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE — Oct. 6, 1979

All of the above States accept the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Form as the method to register to vote or as a request for an application to register.

In addition to the elections outlined, a number of local municipal, county and other elections are scheduled, including important referendums and bond issues. Voters should contact their town or county clerks for details on these elections.

Information can be obtainedafrom voting officers and by referring to the 1978 Voting Assistance Guide. (Additional information is available from the Federal Voting Assistance Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Room 2E789, Washington, D.C. 20301; Autovon: 224-4928.)

"Hard fought" were the words used by Coach YN1 Dale Broskey to describe the games that the Second District Softball Team have played this year. After a heartbreaking 15-14 loss at the beginning of the season, they rebounded to win 5 to 4 in an errorless game.

The team is in second place with a 4 and 1 record and hopes are high for moving into first place in the near future. The fourth victory in a row for the team was by a score of 13-3. The game was a strong display of power on offense backed up by good defense and support from the bench.

Competition is tough and the team has been putting on an excellent show of talent in all their games. If anyone wants to come out and cheer the players, the ballpark is easy to get to. The diamond is located at the corner of Broadway and Arsenel by the Budweiser Brewery. Games are played on Fridays at six or 7:10 p.m. Come on out and cheer the team on to that elusive first place trophy.

YN1 Dale Broskey putting out the first man in a successful double play.

SK2 Jeff Perkins takes a swing, hamperred by the setting sun. Photos bySNPA Muller.

MSD Davenport Bowlers Win Tropies

Two members of the MSD Davenport bowling team won trophies last year. The trophies were for triplicate scores, that is to say, bowling the same score three times in a row. The paragons of consistency from the cornfields of Iowa included: DCC Gerald Ashenfelter, who bowled 160 three times in a row; and YN2 John Aaeringer, who bowled 110 three times in a row. The trophies were awarded by the Scott County Farmer's Union League.

MSD Davenport Begins Busiest Season Ever

"It seems like almost every bridge we have in our area has been hit," exclaimed DCC Gerald Ashenfelter of MSD Davenport. "One thing for sure, though, all these farmers that ask us what the Coast Guard is doing in Iowa get an earful lately."

Not only was a member of the MSD at the flood on the Red River of the North in Grand Forks (See June River Currents), but 7 barges sunk in the vicinity of Lock and Dam 15, which became a sightseer's death trap requiring personnel from MSD Davenport to spend most of the Memorial Day week-end warning curious boaters away from the treacherous waters around the dam site.

"It says right on the wall: 'Restricted Area,'" moaned DCC Ashelfenter. "The Army Corps of Engineers will wave fools back from the edge of the dam, gesture at them frantically to get, and you know what they do? Wave back and keep right on coming."

On the 17 of June, MSD Davenport will be the commander of a regatta. "We've got direct orders from MSO St. Paul that we will be in a wet suit for this event. From early in the morning until after the fireworks in the evening, we'll be wearing those things because of the water temperature and the current. We should have a very interesting aroma by the end of the day."

authorized by COMDTNOTE 7220 of April 1979, ALDIST 125/79. You must have an average of 3.4 in proficiency and leadership for the first enlistment. You must have an average of 3.9 in conduct; and not have had more than two non-judicial punishments, or one non-judicial punishment and one court martial during your first enlistment. You must be E-5 or above or qualified for advancement to E-5.

If you don't qualify, there are other ways to get those dollars a little faster. You can apply for an "accelerated payment". If you are in a tight jam and money will help out, talk to your supervisors about this possibility.

Even if you get the bread in the ordinary way, that is a nifty piece of change to pick up, just for signing your name on the dotted line.

CHIPPEWA Rescues Distressed Deer

CGC CHIPPEWA participated in an unusual Search and Rescue mission in early March. On an ATON run the cutter came across a cold and frightened deer, standing on a small ice floe just upstream from the Markland Lock and Dam.

All hands turned to for the SAR mission. BMCS D.C. Enders had to do some tricky and demanding ship handling to bring the barge up to the small piece of ice without toppling the deer into the water.

It took five men (BM2 Roger Anderson, BM3 Randy Christman, DC3 Jerry Hazzard, SN Chuck Wieber, and FA Gerald Gaston) to wrestle the doe aboard. Then she was taken to the barge shack and wrapped in blankets and tended by SS3 Jessie Klapheke.

CGC CHIPPEWA turned into the bank, and released the deer on more solid ground.

Story by LT F.F. Lieder

Crew of the CHIPPEWA administer first aid to rescued doe. Photo by SN Murtagh

still unknown. That doesn't really matter to the budding Bobby Fischers, according to YN3 Carlos Najera, organizer of the tournament. "This is a tournament for fun, not for blood," laughed Najera.

YN3 Najera did all the scheduling for the tournament, and purchased the handsome trophies. (See photograph).

Tournament players included: Dan Browning, civilian; YN3 Tom Grey; YN2 Bruce McEwen; YN3 Carlos Najera; YN2 Bob Woolsey; SA Ivan Morning; SK2 Jeff Perkins; YN2 Bill Rhoades; BMC Don Hughes; PA2 Dennis Post; Bud Johnson, civilian; SK2 Mike Munizza; SS3 Lee James; SK2 Amber Cobb; and YN3 Barry O'Sha.